

ROYAL HOSPITALITY SHOWN THE VISITORS

"That the need here of a public government building existed," he declared, was beyond question. He asserted that the United States Circuit Court of Appeals had even threatened to leave the city because of the lack of accommodations. He evidently made a fine impres-

Mr. Wray T. Knight, postmaster, gave the visitors some startling information that must have carried weight. He declared that the business of the Richmond

Mr. B. F. Johnson, who has gone after the new postoffice with heart and soul, spoke after Mr. Knight. He gave a number of figures showing the growth of the office had increased sixty-five per cent in the last eleven years. In the last few months the transactions had amounted to \$10,000 every thirty days.

ber of reasons hard to get around for a creditable government building here. Richmond's almost phenomenal progress was one of them. Here was a chance for the government to stamp its approval on a community's prospering.

Governor Montague spoke next. He did so gracefully. The Governor said, while he did not know so much about the crowded condition of the postoffice, he

know that it was a good thing for the government to express appreciation when a city, of its own accord, was making long strides in advancement and increase of wealth. He thought, too, that it would be a fine thing for the United States to fit out Richmond, the former Capital of the Confederacy, with a handsome Federal building. He, with others, said such a thing as a great national building here something to be proud of.

The visitors' turn came next. Mr. Minor was the first called on. He sat next to Judge Minor at the table, and that gentleman said he knew he was kin to the Virginia Minors because he loved a

mint julep. This nudge was heartily enjoyed. Mr. Minor praised Richmond's progress and spoke in most complimentary terms of Captain Lamb and his popularity and weight with Republicans as well as Democrats in the House.

Chairman Mercer, in his speech which followed, made the statement, which is given in the first paragraph and which was greeted with hearty applause. He said Richmond was one of three places

which the committee had visited though 600 applications had been received for public buildings. This showed the progress of the country.

Judge Miers is the only Democrat in the party. He provoked a laugh at the expense of the Republicans present. Mr. Knight had said that he did not know whether he would be postmaster again or not. Judge Miers asked him to what

He replied: "The Republican."
"Oh, you'll get it all right," was the quick response.
Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Taylor said Congress did all the appropriating and all the talking, while his department did the acting. "If you get the appropriation," he said, "I'll see that you get every cent of it."

THE SOUTH'S PROBLEM.

Mr. Martin, of South Dakota, spoke of the pride of the whole country in Virginia and her material progress. He was glad to see the old State keeping step in the march. He made a fine speech. Here is a significant thing he said: "The South has problems of its own. She cannot settle them as she sees fit; I for one, shall not interfere."

The meaning of the remark was not caught at once, but some thought he re-

ferred to the negro in politics in the South and the effort to get rid of him. He was warmly applauded.

Judge Connor spoke briefly and well.

Mr. Wyndham R. Meredith spoke briefly also, saying that as he had prepared the speeches of the visitors he ought to be excused from further effort.

The company then broke up and the visitors went to their rooms at Murphy's.

The following were among those present, besides those who spoke: Messrs. John P. Branch, S. W. Travers, W. S. Copeland, John Lamb, E. A. Catlin, John S. Ellett, R. Lancaster Williams and W. Gordon McCabe.

To-day the visitors will see the post office and the points of interest in and around the city. They return to Washington to-night.

BELLS TOLL DEATH OF WADE HAMPTON

The passing of General Wade Hampton was heard of in Richmond yesterday with genuine regret and sorrow among many who knew him personally and the citizenship generally, who knew in him one of the greatest generals of the Confederacy.

of the greatest benefits of the Confederacy and truest Southerners. With the people of Richmond he was always a favorite, and upon frequent occasions when he appeared here in parades and celebrations of the Confederate veterans he received the plaudits of the admiring crowds along the line of march. His visits to the Capital of the Confederacy have not been frequent during the last few years, and possibly his last appear-

Upon visits here he usually stopped with his life-long friend, Mr. James T. Gray, in whose home he was greatly loved and honored.

As a mark of respect and honor, Lee Camp last night appointed a committee which will call upon Governor Montague to-day with the request that he order the usual military salute fired upon the grave of Lee's father's funeral. This

Church Hill Doctors.
The Church Hill Medical Association met at the Nineteenth-Street Mission building Thursday. After their business meeting was adjourned Rev. George

Wiley, the superintendent, invited them into the chapel room, where they were entertained by the ladies who composed the "Board of Visitors" of the Mission. There was singing by Mrs. Michaels and Miss Blanton, readings by Mrs. Yeaman, with instrumental music by Mrs. Beckham and Mr. Briggs. At the close the ladies served coffee and sandwiches.

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